



Municipality of French River

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL held in the Council Chambers French River Municipal Complex Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mayor Claude Bouffard(Chair), Councillors Michel Bigras, Larry Bouffard, Mike Bouffard, Ronald Garbutt, Shawnda Martin-Cross, Denny Sharp

Members Excused:

Officials Present:

Sébastien Goyer, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Julie Bouthillette, Treasurer/Tax Collector
Mélanie Bouffard, Deputy Clerk, Recording Secretary
Robert Martin, Parks, Recreation & Facilities Manager
Brennan Kenny, Economic Development Manager

Guests:

9 Members of public

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:54 p.m.

Moved By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 313

Seconded By: Michel Bigras

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be accepted as distributed and amended:

To withdraw Item 7.1 Resolution for the Statement of Concurrence to Spectrum Group for a proposed telecommunications tower

To Add an Addendum at 8.1 Resolution to receive a Sudbury East Planning Board Notice of Application for a Plan of Subdivision by 1381429 Ontario Inc. (Mike Bouffard) (File 52T-13001FR)

Carried

2. PRAYER

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Denny Sharp declared a pecuniary interest at Item 5.6.7; she is a member of the Committee.

Councillor Mike Bouffard declared a pecuniary interest at Item 8.1; he is the applicant.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Ontario Provincial Police - Monthly Municipal Policing Report

Not present.

The CAO notified that the OPP have scheduled a series of Consultation Sessions on their new invoicing model; the North Bay session will be held November 21st for whoever is interesting in attending.

4.2 Local Government Week - Student Council Presentation

Not present.

5. MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Mayor's Report

Mayor gave a verbal report.

5.1.1 Approve delegates at the Media & Social Media Training Program

Moved By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2013- 314

Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of French River hereby approves that the following members of Council and staff attended the AMO's Working with Media & Social Media in Northern Ontario held on October 2, 2013 in North Bay for an average cost of \$730 per person.

1) Councillor Denny Sharp

Carried

5.2 CAO/Clerk's Report

CAO/Clerk summarized written report submitted under separate cover.

5.3 Treasurer's Report

5.3.1 Submission of expression of interest for the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 315

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the submission of the Expression of Interest to the Small, Rural and Northern Municipal Infrastructure Fund for the Chartrand Corner Project (Montée Guerin Road, Montée Guerin Bridge, Houle Road, Seguin Road, Viau Road, Pitre Road);

AND FURTHER that the sum of \$ 134, 380 which represents 10% of the Infrastructure project funds be committed in the 2014 budget.

Carried

5.4 Economic Development Committee

Councillor Mike Bouffard, Chair of the committee gave a verbal report.

5.5 Environmental Advisory Committee

Councillor Garbutt, Chair of the committee gave a verbal report.

5.6 Finance and Administration Committee

Councillor Bigras, Chair of the committee outlined the 2014 Budget Timetable and advised that the draft budget will be distributed to Council at a Special Council Meeting to be scheduled for October 30 at 1pm.

5.6.1 Confirmation of funds (\$20,000) in the 2014 Budget to apply to the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program and the Community Economic Development Program (CEDP)

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2013- 316

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby confirms that the amount of \$20,000 will be allocated in the 2014 Budget to apply to the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program and the Community Economic Development Program (CEDP).

Carried

5.6.2 Approve ‘in principle’ and with conditions the proposed Splash Pad Project introduced by the French River Active Parks Association

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2013- 317

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves “in Principle” the Splash Pad proposal project introduced by the French River Active Parks Association (FRAPA) with the following conditions:

1. The Splash Pad will be installed near the playground on the Alban Community Centre property;
2. The annual operation costs relating to the Splash Pad of approximately \$2,000 (such as utilities, insurance, repairs and maintenance) will be covered by the Municipality;
3. The Splash Pad will fall under the insurance liability of the Municipality;
4. The Municipality will NOT be involved with fundraising initiatives by the FRAPA or the administration of the funds;
5. The Municipality will NOT be involved with the capital installation of the Splash Pad (including the installation of utilities and the required separate well);
6. Fundraising initiatives by the FRAPA will include a \$5,000 reserve for future major repairs and that these funds be held by the Municipality.
7. The hydro will be hooked up to the fire hall and not on a separate meter to reduce annual fees.

AND THAT an agreement between the Municipality and FRAPA be prepared to represent the listed conditions above.

Carried

5.6.3 Grants & Subsidy Policy, revised

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2013- 318

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the attached Grants & Subsidy Policy revised and dated October 23, 2013.

Carried

5.6.4 Investment Policy, revised

Moved By: Ron Garbutt
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 319

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the attached Investment Policy revised and dated October 23, 2013.

Carried

5.6.5 Request for Proposal for a Compensation and Pay Equity Review

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Ron Garbutt

Resol. 2013- 320

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the attached Request for Proposal for a Compensation and Pay Equity Review dated October 17, 2013.

Carried

5.6.6 Re-allocation of Signage Budget to Reserves to be used in 2014

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 321

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves that the amount of \$30,000 of the 2013 economic development budget be reallocated in reserves to be used in 2014 conditional to a 2013 budget surplus.

Carried

5.6.7 Grants and Subsidy Application for a rebate of \$200 on the hall rental for the Annual French River Children's Christmas Party being held on November 30, 2013

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 322

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the Grants and Subsidy Application received from the Children's Christmas Party Committee for a rebate of \$200 on the hall rental fee at the Noëlville Community Centre for their Annual French River Children's Christmas Party being held on Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name: Denny Sharp _____

Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not participate on this Item.

5.6.8 Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Proclamation of Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

Moved By: Mike Bouffard
Seconded By: Larry Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 323

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby proclaims October 30, 2013 as "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of our community.

Carried

5.7 Public Works Committee

5.7.1 Approval of the Request for Proposal for a new grader

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2013- 324

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the attached Request for Proposal for the purchase of a new grader.

Carried

5.8 Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board

5.8.1 2013 Second Quarter Activity and Financial Reports

6. CONSENT AGENDA

The following motion was presented to adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda:

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2013- 325

Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby approves the Items of the Consent Agenda under Sections 6.1, 6.3 and 6.5 and receives the Items under Sections 6.2.

Carried

Item 6.4 was taken out of the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

6.1 Adoption of Minutes by Resolution

Moved By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2013- 326

Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be adopted as presented:

Regular Council Meeting held September 18, 2013

Carried

6.2 Minutes Received by Resolution

Moved By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2013- 327

Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be received as presented:

Sudbury & District Board of Health held September 19, 2013

Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB held September 26, 2013

Sudbury East Planning Board held September 12, 2013

French River Public Library Board held August 20 & September 17, 2013

Carried

6.3 Award of Tenders and Request for Proposals by Resolution

6.4 Item was separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

6.5 Adoption of By-laws by Resolution

The following By-laws were read and adopted:

6.5.1 Funding Agreement under the Northern Community Investment Readiness Program for a Community Market Study project

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 328

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2013-36, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Funding Agreement with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines for the Northern Community Investment Readiness Program to complete a Community Market Study be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.5.2 Amendment By-law to Close Victor Road

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2013- 329

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2013-37, being a by-law to amend By-law 2007-54 a by-law to permanently close Victor Road be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.5.3 Confirmation By-law

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2013- 330

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law 2013-38, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River at a meeting held on October 23, 2013 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

6.4 Item was separated from the Consent Agenda to allow debate.

Correspondence for Council's Information Received by Resolution

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2013- 331

Seconded By: Michel Bigras

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following correspondence be received:

1. Call for nominations for the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario, deadline December 5, 2013
2. 2012 Annual Ontario Aggregate Resources Report
3. Notice of Retirement of Marcel Meilleur from the French River Fire Department
4. Announcement - CP Rail Holiday Train on Friday, November 29 at 7:30 pm

Carried

Councillor Michel Bigras commented that a recognition event should be held for Mr. Meilleur, the item will be brought forward at the November Finance & Administration Committee.

Councillor Mike Bouffard reminded everyone to set the date in their calendars for the Holiday Train. The Public Works Department has been made aware of the request to close Station Road for the event.

7. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION

7.1 Statement of Concurrence to Spectrum Group for a proposed telecommunications tower

The Item was withdrawn from the agenda.

7.2 Sudbury East Planning Board - Circulation for Comments

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 332

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby receives the following Sudbury East Planning Board Notice of Application:

1. Application for Consent and Minor Variance by Alfred & Colleen Caron (File B/23-24/13/FR and A/08//13/FR)

AND THAT the following comments from Council be provided:

No comments

Carried

7.3 Atlantic Wind and Solar Inc., Municipal Support Resolution for a solar ground-mount project (Fryer Forest)

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2013- 333

WHEREAS capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 3.0; and

WHEREAS ATLANTIC SOLAR INC (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a GROUND MOUNT SOLAR (the "Project") on Martland Township, Concession 4, S PT Lot 7, Parcel 1141 (the "Property") in the Municipality of French River under the Province's FIT Program; and

WHEREAS the Applicant has requested that Council of Municipality of French River indicate by resolution Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FIT Rules, Version 3.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded priority points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other persons applying for FIT Contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of French River hereby supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

Carried

8. ADDENDUM (if required and by resolution)

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Michel Bigras

Resol. 2013- 334

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby allows an Addendum to the Agenda as per the rules of the Procedural By-law 2012-11 under Section 8.8 authorizing Council to deal with an urgent matter that requires the immediate consideration of Council.

Carried

8.1 Sudbury East Planning Board - Circulation for Comments

Moved By: Michel Bigras
Seconded By: Shawnda Martin-Cross

Resol. 2013- 335

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of French River hereby receives the following Sudbury East Planning Board Notice of Application:

1. Application for Plan of Subdivision by 1381429 Ontario Inc. (Mike Bouffard) (File 52T-13001FR)

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Name: Mike Bouffard

Disclosed his/her (their) interest(s), abstained from discussion and did not participate on this Item.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Mayor Claude Bouffard presented a Notice of Motion that Council amends the Procedure By-law to include with the prayer the playing of the National Anthem at Council Meetings.

The Notice of Motion will be placed and considered at the November Regular Council Meeting.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES

11. CLOSED SESSION

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Shawnda Martin-Cross
Seconded By: Mike Bouffard

Resol. 2013- 336

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK